GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Diversion of 0.24 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.195, Vampalli Reserved Forests, Srikalahasthi Range, Tirupati Division for laying gas pipeline along with existing road (MDR-325) from Vampalli village to Sudhasomany Industry for supply of gas to domestic and industrial customers in Tirupati District, in favour of the Associate Project Director, AGP City Gas Pvt. Ltd, Tirupati – Permission Accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 7 **Dated: 06-02-2025**
Read the following:-

1)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr Ref No.EFS02-15027/2/2024-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 12.03.2024.
2)State Govt.Lr.No.1188/Sec.II/2024/2479710, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated 23.08.2024.
3)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, online proposal No.FP/AP/Pipeline/452387/2023, dated 02.09.2024.
4)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr Ref No.EFS02-15027/2/2024-FCA-1, dated 19.12.2024.
5)State Govt.Lr.No.1188/Sec.II/2024/2479710, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated 31.12.2024.
6)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, online proposal No.FP/AP/Pipeline/452387/2023, dated 03.01.2025.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a statutory proforma proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, for diversion of 0.24 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.195, Vampalli Reserved Forests, Srikalahasthi Range, Tirupati Division for laying gas pipeline along with existing road (MDR-325) from Vampalli village to Sudhasomany Industry for supply of gas to domestic and industrial customers in Tirupati District, in favour of the Associate Project Director, AGP City Gas Pvt. Ltd, Tirupati.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., was sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, for in-principle approval under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, has accorded in-principle approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and requested to submit the compliance report on the conditions stipulated therein within the stipulated time for final approval.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., has furnished a compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval for onward submission to the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, for the issuance of final approval for the above proposal. The same has been forwarded to the GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, for the grant of final approval under

Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, vide letter 5th read above.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, has accorded final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 0.24 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.195, Vampalli Reserved Forests, Srikalahasthi Range, Tirupati Division for laying gas pipeline along with existing road (MDR-325) from Vampalli village to Sudhasomany Industry for supply of gas to domestic and industrial customers in Tirupati District, in favour of the Associate Project Director, AGP City Gas Pvt. Ltd, Tirupati, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 0.24 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.195, Vampalli Reserved Forests, Srikalahasthi Range, Tirupati Division for laying gas pipeline along with existing road (MDR-325) from Vampalli village to Sudhasomany Industry for supply of gas to domestic and industrial customers in Tirupati District, in favour of the Associate Project Director, AGP City Gas Pvt. Ltd, Tirupati, subject to the following conditions:-

1. **General conditions**

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1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
1.2	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
1.3	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
1.4	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land by the UA/ State Forest Department.
1.5	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
1.6	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
1.7	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.24 ha.**
1.8	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
1.9	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
1.10	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
1.11	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Forest Department and Regional Office by the end of March every year.
1.12	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
1.13	The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the rules/guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan)Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.
1.14	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.

1.15	Violation of any of these conditions will amounts to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

2. Standard conditions

S.No.	Conditions
2.1	NA

3. Specific conditions

S.No.	Conditions
3.1	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3.2	The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain 100 number of seedlings in the degraded forest area identified in Compartment No.196, Inagulur RF, Mannavaram Beat towards Compensatory Afforestation at the cost of the User Agency.
3.3	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

Copy to:

1.The Chief Executive Officer, National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, 4th Floor, Block No.3, CGO Complex, New Delhi – 110 003.

2. The Inspector General of Forests,
ROHQ, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110 003.

3. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of
Regional Office, Chennai, Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada – 520 010.

4. The Associate Project Director,
AGP City Gas Private Limited, Tirupati.

5. SC/SF

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER